

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Training (G)

SUBJECT: Progress Report for the Week of 27 February - 5 March 1953

1. Further dredging for candidates for the FSI two-year Arabic Program and for the Regensburg Program has failed to add any applicants to the none previously offered outside of OTR for the first program and the 4-5 that will be offered for the second. If the Agency is in need of these, and other time-consuming and expensive programs (and I believe it is), I believe, as [] has emphasized, that it will be necessary to have emphasis from the DCI on the importance of having people adequately trained no matter how badly they are needed in the present. (No matter how badly the Army needs surgeons, they do not tell a B.S. in chemistry to read Gray's Anatomy and then go into the operating room; no matter how badly the Air Force needs pilots, they do not send men into air combat after a one-week's course in plane recognition. Why should we?).

2. [] with aides, has sought cooperation of OTR in compilation of data on personal development programs of Agency personnel for use of the CIA Career Service Board. Full cooperation of this division has been given. Boulton indicates that a series of conferences is desirable.

3. So far, fifteen non-ORR persons have registered with the OTR Registrar for the entire ORR geographic seminar series, and four have registered for portions.

4. Several persons have inquired about the CFA program.

5. On Tuesday I called my contact in State on the field training program in the Near East, and was informed that during the present week I would have the results of informal review by the Office of Near Eastern Affairs on our three candidates for this program. Today in conversation with [] of the DDI's office I agreed with his suggestion that he ask James Reber to contact someone in State's NEA office to determine what progress is being made at that point.

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